

JAMES

Wisdom for the Everyday Stuff of Life

DNA GUIDE

WEEK 2: Wisdom for Those Who Ask

DISCOVER (PRE-WORK)

Before and while you read these passages ask the Spirit of God to illuminate your heart and mind and bring conviction and clarity of his truth for your life. Take some time during your own personal study to read through these four key questions:

1. Who is God (what does this passage tell me about God's character)?
2. What Has God Done (how do I see God's character in action here)?
3. Who Am I (How does God's character and action shape how I see myself)?
4. What Do I Do (if I believe 1-3 how would I respond and relate to others)?

Scripture: James 1:5-12

QUESTION: What did you DISCOVER during your study?

NURTURE

Confess out loud to one another areas of personal struggle or unbelief that the Spirit revealed during your personal study.

In light of this week's sermon, consider these questions together:

1. Take some time in your group to tell the gospel to each other. This practice is a good way to make sure you have a 2-3 minute version of the gospel that you can explain to someone if asked.
2. Do you feel like you can apply gospel wisdom in most situations? Each of you try to describe a Hard Time that you're dealing with in light of the gospel.

3. Is it hard for you to believe that God is for you? How have you seen that truth played out in your life? What are some reasons that has been hard for you to believe?
4. Do you find it hard to ask God for wisdom to see your life as he sees it? Does it occur to you to do so? Why or why not?
5. Do you have doubts about your faith? What are they? Have you allowed yourself to doubt them hard or have you been reluctant to admit your doubts?

During this time, let each person share how or where they need to repent and believe the truth of God revealed to them in Jesus. You may need to guide each other to what is true of God and ourselves in light of what Jesus has done. For instance, someone may be experiencing a great deal of dryness or emptiness in their relationship with God. They may need to be reminded that God wants to satisfy the deep thirst of their soul with the living water that Jesus has to offer. The call to repent may look like turning away (repent) from empty sources or corrupt sources that they have been depending up and turning to Jesus (believe) to be the unending supply of soul water. Use this time for confessing out loud the wrong sources and calling out in prayer for God the Father to pour His love into their hearts through his Spirit as they turn to Jesus for help.

QUESTION: How will you REPENT and BELIEVE the gospel?

ACT

In light of your time together, what steps will you take to act on your new discoveries and affirmed beliefs?

Consider these questions:

1. How will you remember this week that God's posture is towards you and that he is "for you"?
2. What's happening in your life that you're going to ask God for wisdom to understand?
3. How will you lean into the scriptures, your community and the Spirit this week to seek wisdom for your life?
4. What doubts will you doubt forward this week? How will you seek out answers to your questions?

QUESTION: What will you DO and who will you TELL about what God has done?